



Oregon Forest Action Plan



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Forest Action Plans

Objectives:

1. Review what a Forest Action Plan is, and why we do it;
2. Highlight assessments;
3. Highlight emerging themes;
4. Highlight resource strategy innovations;

Cooperative Forestry Act Celebrated 40 Years of Helping Private Forest Owners in June 2018



Nearly sixty percent of forests in America are owned by private landowners who very much rely on these lands for income that helps to fuel the economic health of rural communities.

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So because forests continue to be threatened by wildfire, attacks by insects and diseases, and conversion to non-forest uses, forty-two years ago, on July 1, Congress passed the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

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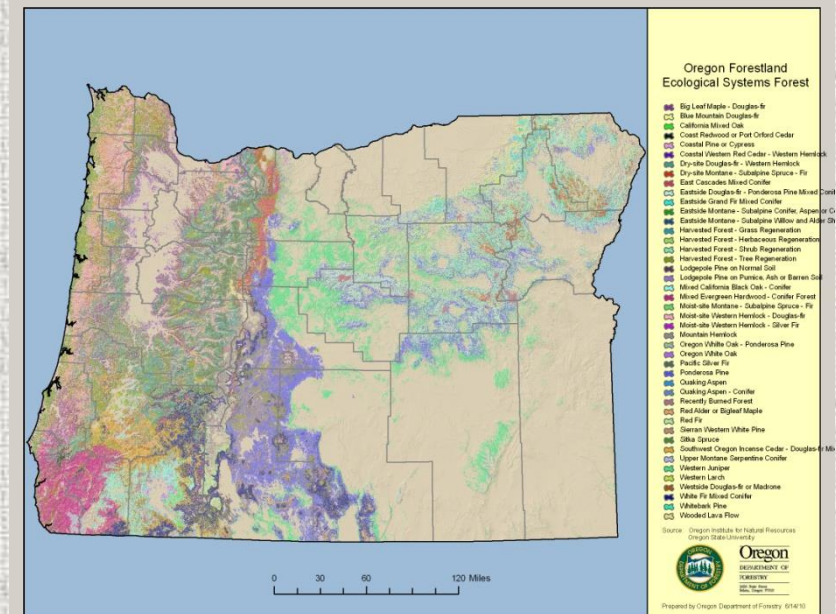


The Act was designed to mitigate these threats by empowering the USDA Forest Service to partner with state forestry agencies.



Background – Forest Action Plans

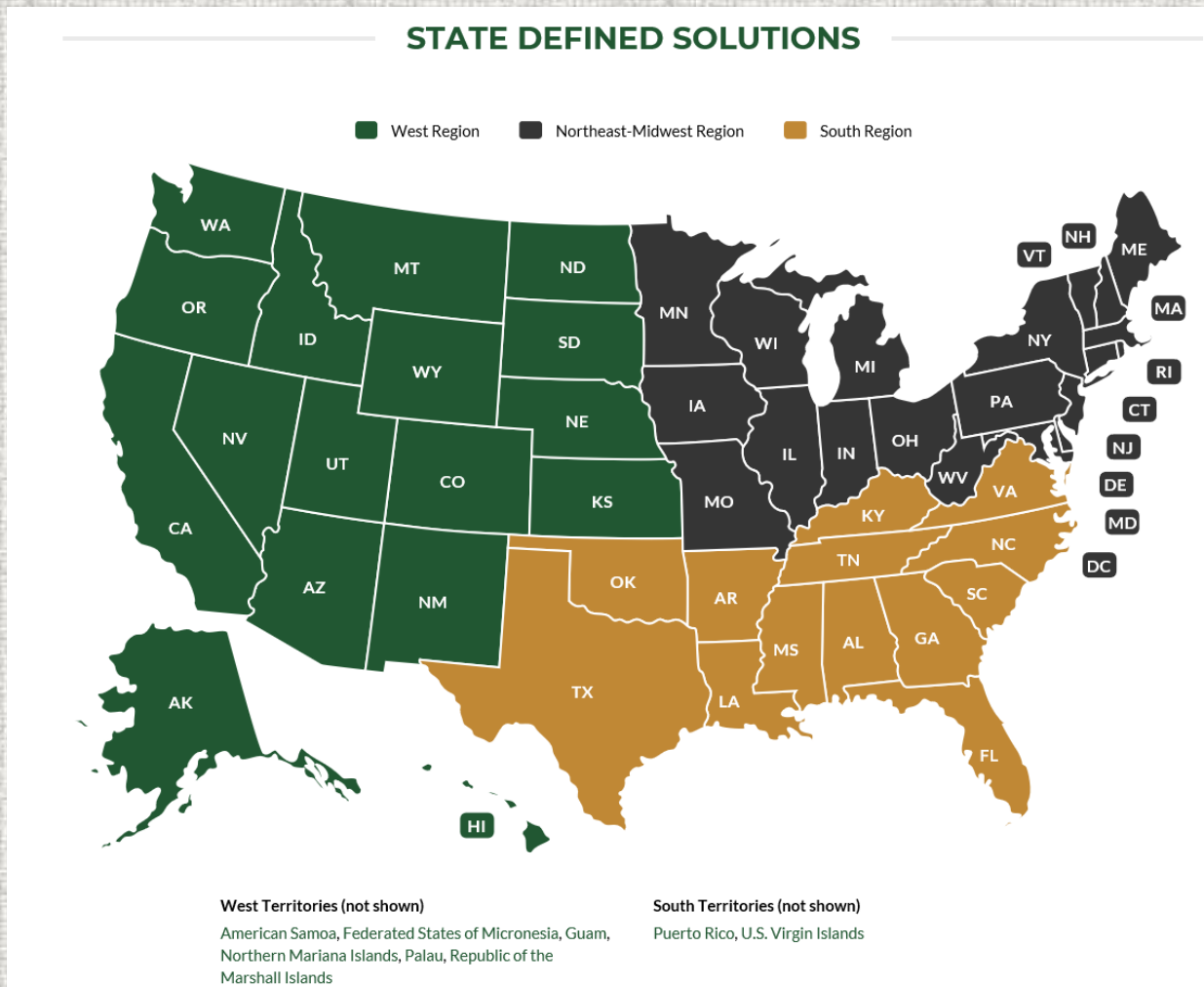
- USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry Redesign
 - Greater Accountability
 - Focused Investment
 - Support National Priorities
- 2008 Farm Bill
- State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee



Where to Find Forest Action Plans



- NASF Website: <https://www.stateforesters.org/>





FOREST ACTION PLAN

OREGON'S BOUNTIFUL TREES AND FORESTS

Of Oregon's 30 million acres of forests, nearly 60 percent is federally owned and managed. Private landowners own 34 percent; with about 6 percent in city, county, state, or tribal ownership. Wood production comes primarily from private forests, supporting more than three-fourths of Oregon's annual timber harvest. Oregon is home to some of the most productive forestland in the world. Its forests are diverse and provide important habitat for fish and wildlife.

Oregon's Forest Action Plan maps three types of high priority forests: those facing landscape wildfire risk, those vulnerable to conversion out of forest use, and those with important fish and wildlife habitats.

+ Conserve

+ Protect

+ Enhance

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Oregon's best management practices (BMPs) program is quasi-regulatory. The agency responsible for BMPs policy development is the Oregon Department of Forestry.

[Click here](#) to view the most recent BMPs recommendations on the state forestry agency website.

Click the following links to view available BMP monitoring data and implementation rates from [NASF's 2015 BMP survey](#) and [NASF's 2019 BMP survey](#).

OREGON FORESTRY PUBLICATIONS

-  [2019 Goals, Investments, and Highlights](#)
-  [Oregon's Forest Action Plan](#)
-  [Oregon's National Priorities](#)



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The Forest Action Plan Revision Processes

- I. Statewide Assessment – All Lands
- II. Statewide Resource Strategy.

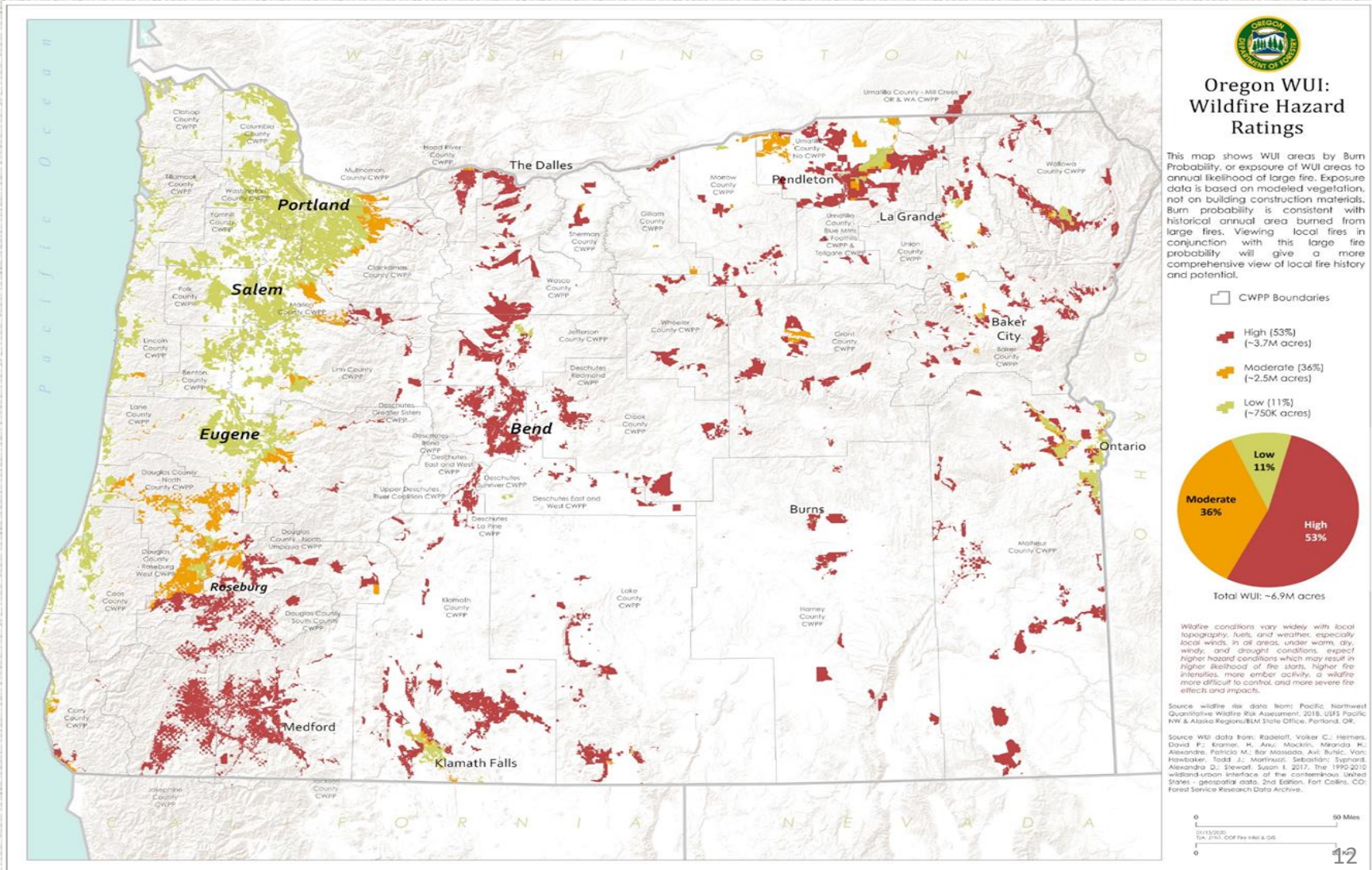


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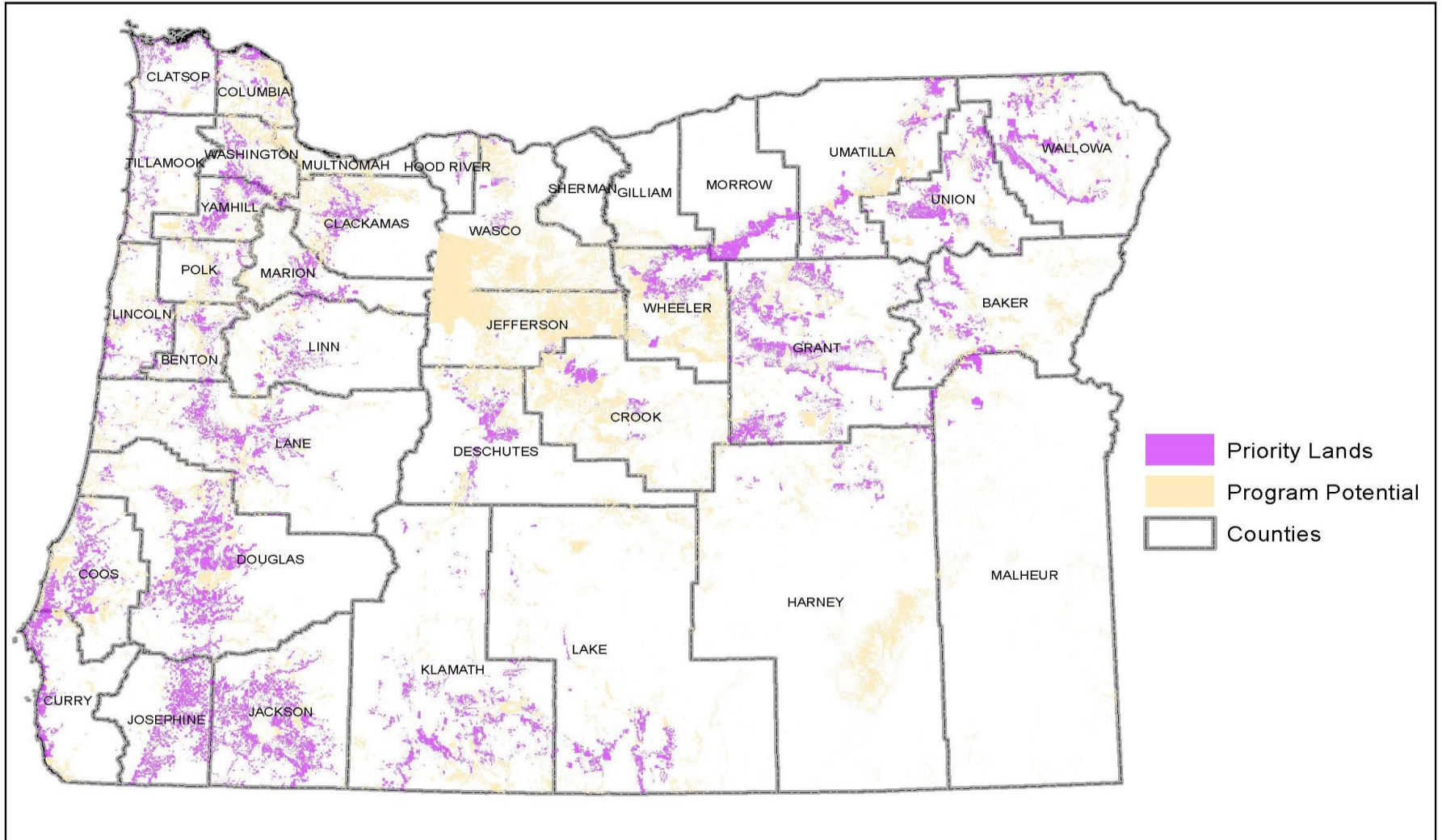
- ✓ Identify Threats to Oregon's Forests
(Development, Loss of Forest Products Industry, Tree Mortality, Wildfire)
- ✓ Issue Driven – Threats Lead to Opportunities
- ✓ Identify Trends
- ✓ Prioritize Landscapes for Investment

Communities at Risk of Wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface



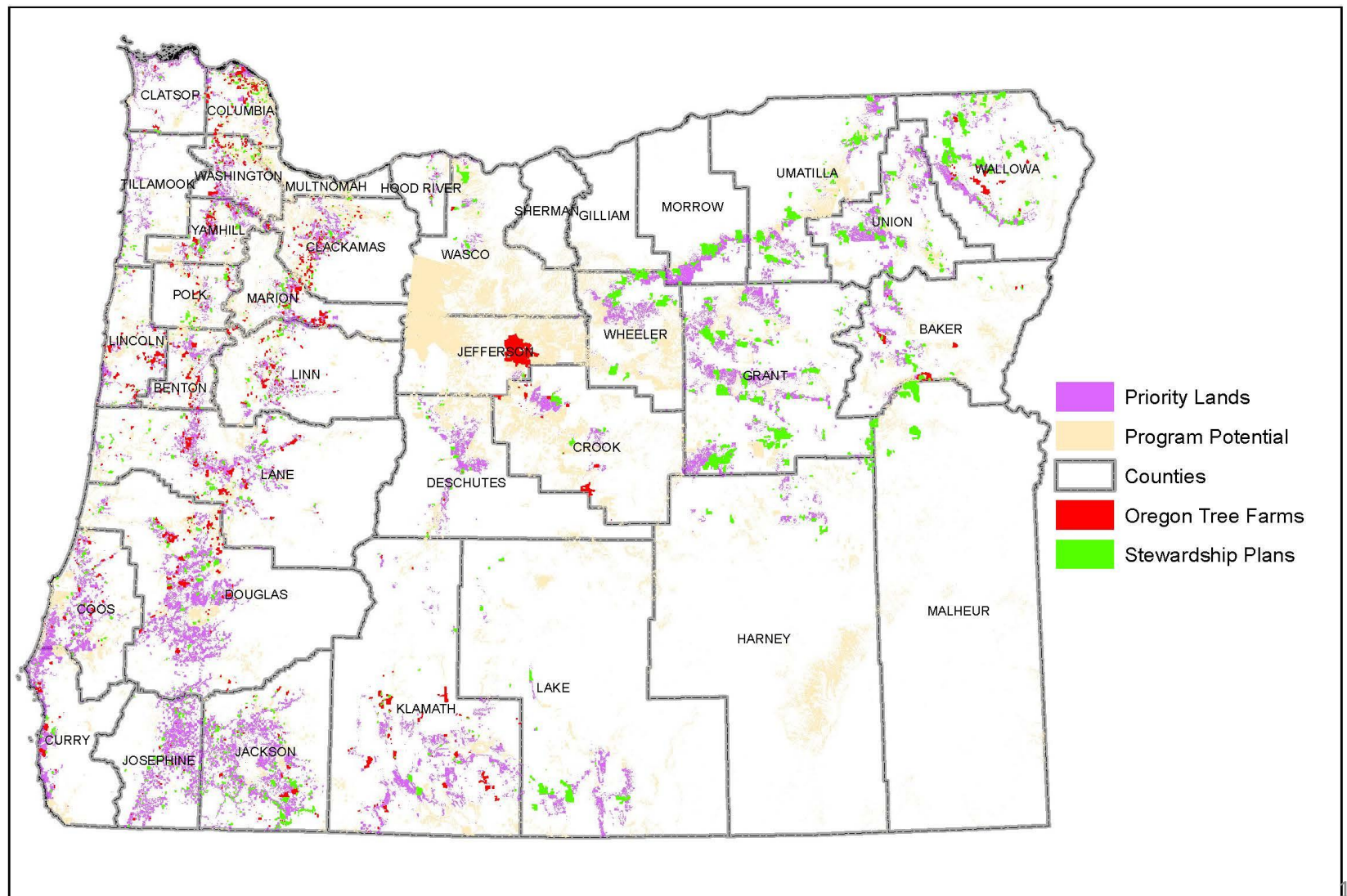
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Gateway to Landowner Outreach



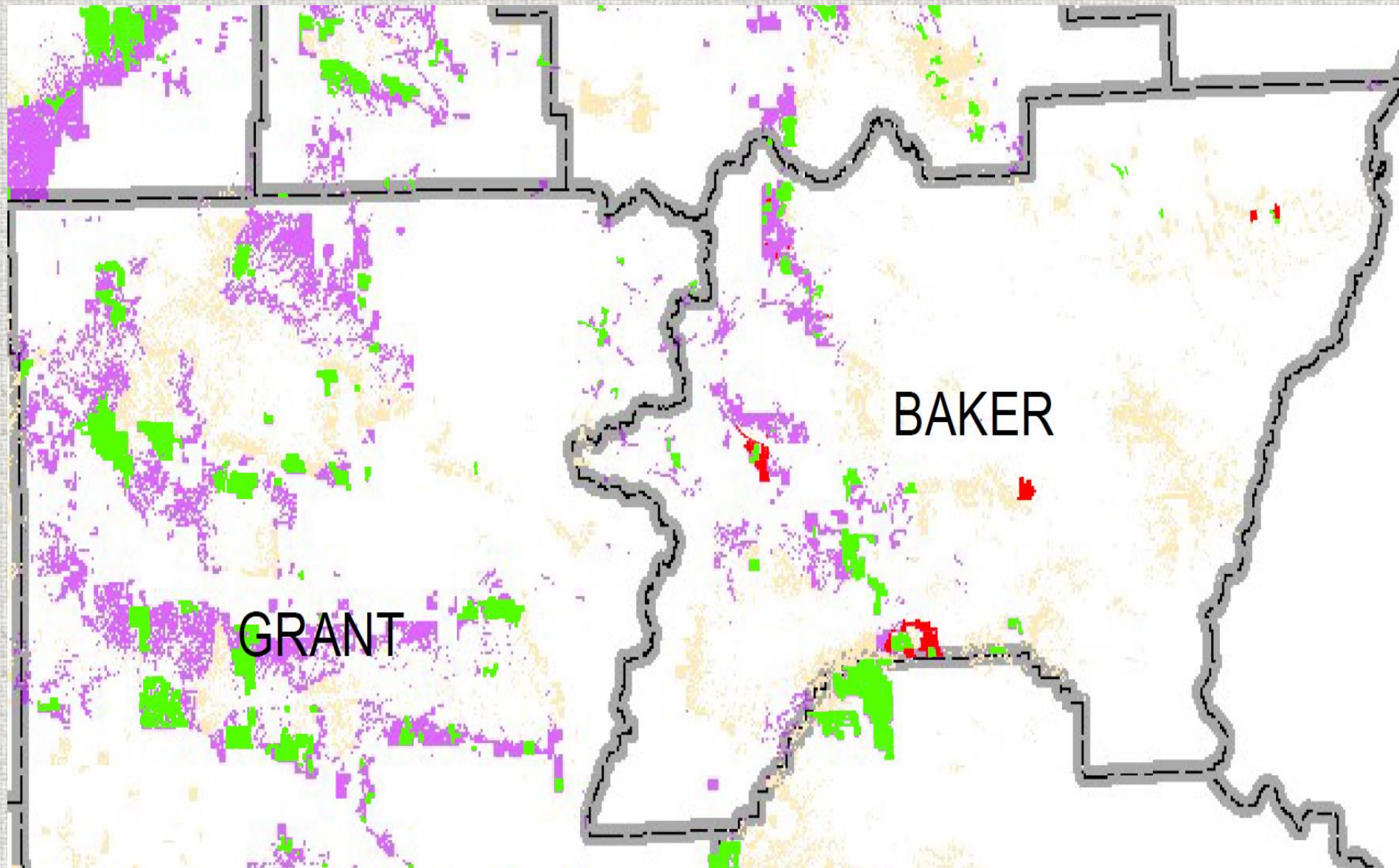
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II. Resource Strategy

- ✓ Incorporate other Statewide Resource Strategies
- ✓ Identify Innovative Strategies
- ✓ Align strategies to ODF's day to day operations
- ✓ Align the Assessment and Strategy Outputs To the Three National Themes and 11 Objectives.

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Conserve Working Forested Landscapes

High priority forest ecosystems and landscapes are identified and conserved.

Forests are actively and sustainably managed.



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Protect forests from harm

Fire-adapted lands are restored and risk of wildfire impacts is reduced.

Threats to forest and ecosystem health are identified, managed and reduced.



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Enhance benefits from trees and forests

Water quality or quantity is protected or enhanced.

Air quality is improved or energy is conserved.

Communities plan for and reduce their risks from wildfire.

The economic benefits and values of trees and forests are maintained or enhanced.

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Enhance benefits from trees and forests

Wildlife and fish habitat are protected, conserved or enhanced.

People are connected to trees and forests and are engaged in environment stewardship activities.

Trees and forests are managed and restored to help mitigate or adapt to changing conditions.

Resource Strategy



State and Private Forestry programs

- Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program
- Forest Health Protection Program
- Forest Legacy Program
- Forest Stewardship Program (Family Forest Assistance)
- State Fire Assistance
- Tree Improvement Program
- Urban and Community Forest Program
- Volunteer Fire Assistance Program
- Western States Fire Managers Wildland Urban Interface Program
- Grant Programs - Landscape Scale Restoration

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Coordination with Other Statewide Plans and Programs

- Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Federal Land Management Plans
- Oregon Conservation Strategy
- Oregon Forest Practices Act
- Oregon Statewide Action Plan for Invasive Species 2017-2019
- Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019-2023
- OWEB Focused Investment Priorities
- Oregon Land Use Planning Program
- Oregon's 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy
- Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds
- Other Private Forestland Assistance Programs
- State Forest Management Plans
- Tribal Integrated Resource Management Plans

What's New



Shared Stewardship

Good Neighbor Authority

Federal Forest Restoration

What's New



Landscape Scale Restoration

Climate Change and Carbon - EO 20-04

Governor's Council on Wildfire Response

What's New



Land Water Conservation Fund - \$\$\$\$\$

Agency Strategic Initiative

Forest Stewardship Program Redesign

- Water Work Wildlife Wildfire Weeds & Invasives
Weights and Measures



Resource Strategy Alignment

Forest Stewardship Program Redesign – The 6 W's

Water Work Wildlife Wildfire Weeds & Invasives Weights and Measures

Shared Stewardship

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Executive Order 20-04

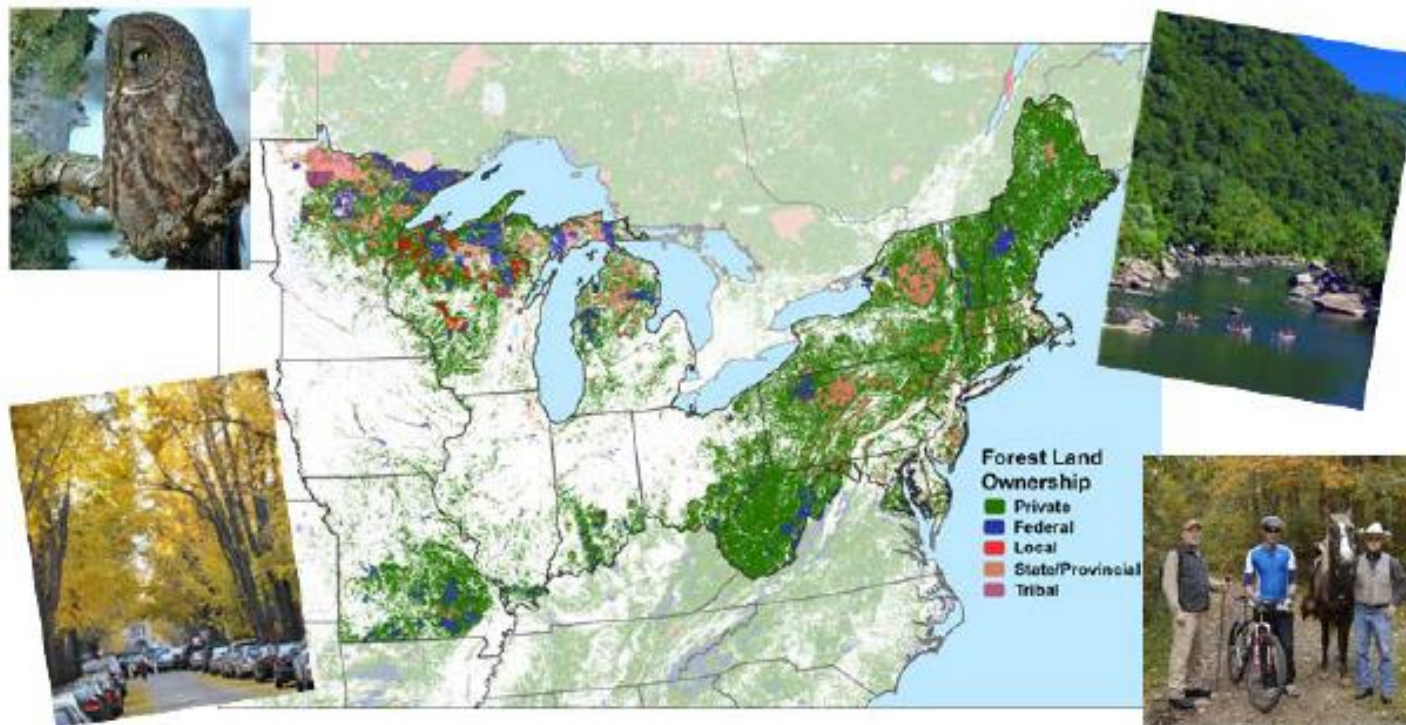
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Guide for State Forest Action Plans

August 31, 2018





Guidance Action Plan

- Use Existing Assessments
- Final Document Should Be Useful and Used Across ODF
- Final Strategy Document Should be 20 Pages Maximum



National Themes and Strategies

α National Priority 1. → Conserve Working Forest Landscapes¶

Objective 1.B.° → Forests are actively and sustainably managedα

OPPORTUNITY or THREATα	Goal/Objectiveα	STRATEGY TO MEET OPPORTUNITY OR THREATα	USDA FSα
Oregon has a broad network of local, regional, state, and national organizations that routinely collaborate to address land management needs.α	Leverage partnerships to build landscape-scale, cross-boundary projects that engage NIPF landowners in forest management activities.α	Provide field staff with resources and capacity to leverage partnerships and incentives to increase the pace and scale of treatments.α	FSP, UCF, FH, BBM, SOD, WSFM, SFA¶ ¶ S2, JCLRP, NRCSα
		Develop and grow a statewide network of partners for forest restoration.α	
		Invest in the staff resources to maintain these partnerships at the state, regional, and local levels.α	
		Seek innovative partnerships outside the forestry network to expand opportunities and resources to meet management needs.α	
		Develop formal interagency collaboration to provide the best possible support for landowners.α	
		Partner with the forest products industry to find efficiencies for cross-boundary joint projects.α	
		Utilize cost share rates that maximize on-the-ground accomplishments toward landscape priorities, and account for local treatment cost data, current resources, and landowner participation trends.α	
¶ Landowners may lack resources or expertise in forest management.α	Assist family forestland owners with their management of forests.α	Foresters provide technical assistance to family forestland owners and offer access to financial assistance through partner programs.α	FSP, FH, BBM, GCWR¶ ¶ S2, JCLRP, NRCSα
		Continue to work with the Partnership for Forestry Education to build and maintain tools that help landowners build the capacity to effectively manage and use forest resources.α	
		Cultivate partnerships and formal agreements (e.g., ODF-NRCS Statewide agreement) that expand accomplishments and landowner stewardship.α	
		Cultivate partnerships to improve landowner TA and outcomes through innovation and the application of technology.α	FSP¶ ¶ S2, JCLRP, NRCS, AFF-SFM, NWQI, CRP, CREPα
		Create economies of scale by leveraging multi-landowner planning and treatment scenarios.α	
		Leverage Forest Stewardship Program and other funds to provide cost share for landowners to develop Forest Stewardship Plans.α	
		Improve pathways for landowners to develop plans that result in management action, even if those plans are not fully developed Stewardship Plans; these Stewardship Plans may include regional or landscape plans that incorporate multiple ownerships/parcels, practice plans for immediate implementation, and other planning efforts toward restoration work at scale.α	
		Implement spatially-capable landowner engagement tracking tools to improve accomplishment tracking, management, and reporting.α	



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Conserve Working Forested Landscapes

Action:

Assist family forestland owners with their management of forests.

Strategy:

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Strategy:

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Strategy:

Seek financial efficiency by combining treatments on multiple individual or smaller ownerships into a viable larger scale project.

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Questions & Discussion

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Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment: Methods and Results

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Oregon Forest Practices Act:

Adaptable and informed by sound science



The Oregon Forest Practices Act reflects Oregonians' desires to use and enjoy Oregon's forests and protect its natural resources. It was the first law of its kind in the U.S. when the state Legislature passed it in 1971, and the Act and its rules have been changed many times in response to new scientific findings and evolving public needs and interests.

In a process that incorporates public input, the Board of Forestry – a seven-member citizen board appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate – approves detailed rules to implement the Act's requirements. Here is a list of significant changes in the Act and its rules, which regulate forestry on private and state-owned lands.

Sept. 2017	Revised bald eagle rules to match science and their successful recovery!
July 2017	Increased buffers around many salmon, steelhead, and bull trout streams.
Jan. 2016	Set no-spray buffers for aerial pesticide use around homes and schools.

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WILDFIRE RESPONSE

November 2019: Report and Recommendations

Purpose

In response to increased wildfire risks affecting all Oregonians, Governor Brown signed an executive order creating the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response in January 2019.

The Council is tasked with reviewing Oregon's current model for wildfire prevention, preparedness and response, and analyzing the sustainability of the current model to provide recommendations to strengthen, improve, or replace existing systems.

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The screenshot shows the Oregon Land Trust website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (ABOUT US, GET INVOLVED, GREAT OUTDOORS, OUR WORK, RESOURCES), a search icon, and a DONATE button. The main banner features a landscape photo with the text 'POLICY PRIORITIES' and a small icon of a person with a magnifying glass. Below the banner, the 'Policy Platform' section is displayed on a background of topographic map lines. It includes a paragraph about representing land trusts, a list of sections (2019 session wrap-up report, Top state policy priorities, Other state priorities, Federal policy priorities), and a Twitter follow link for @ORlandtrusts.

Policy Platform

In state and federal policy issues, we represent the interests of land trusts and work to advance conservation in Oregon.

Every year COLT's board of directors develops a policy platform to guide our collective work.

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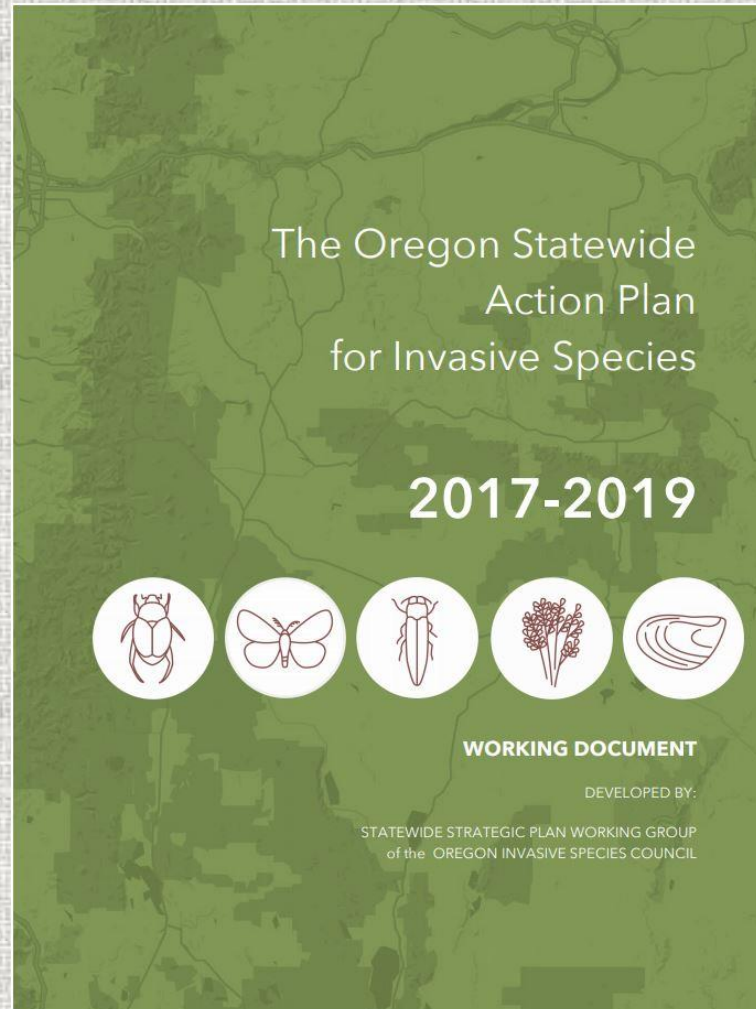
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SECTIONS

- [2019 session wrap-up report](#)
- [Top state policy priorities](#)
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- [Federal policy priorities](#)

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Outdoor Recreation in Oregon: Responding to Demographic and Societal Change



2019-2023
Oregon Statewide Comprehensive
Outdoor Recreation Plan
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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OREGON VOICES PROJECT

Morning Paddle, Waldo-Lake. Photo credit: Patricia Kolberg

A statewide listening tour

We love nature and we take actions to defend it, celebrate it, steward it and play in it. It benefits us all.

But what does everyone else think? We launched a research project—a listening project—to learn more.

SECTIONS

- The beginning
- Background
- What we learned
- Now what?
- Thank you

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Oregon's **2017**
Integrated Water Resources Strategy



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Energy Trust of Oregon

**Energy Efficiency Resource Assessment
Overview and Considerations for Improvements**

September 22, 2017



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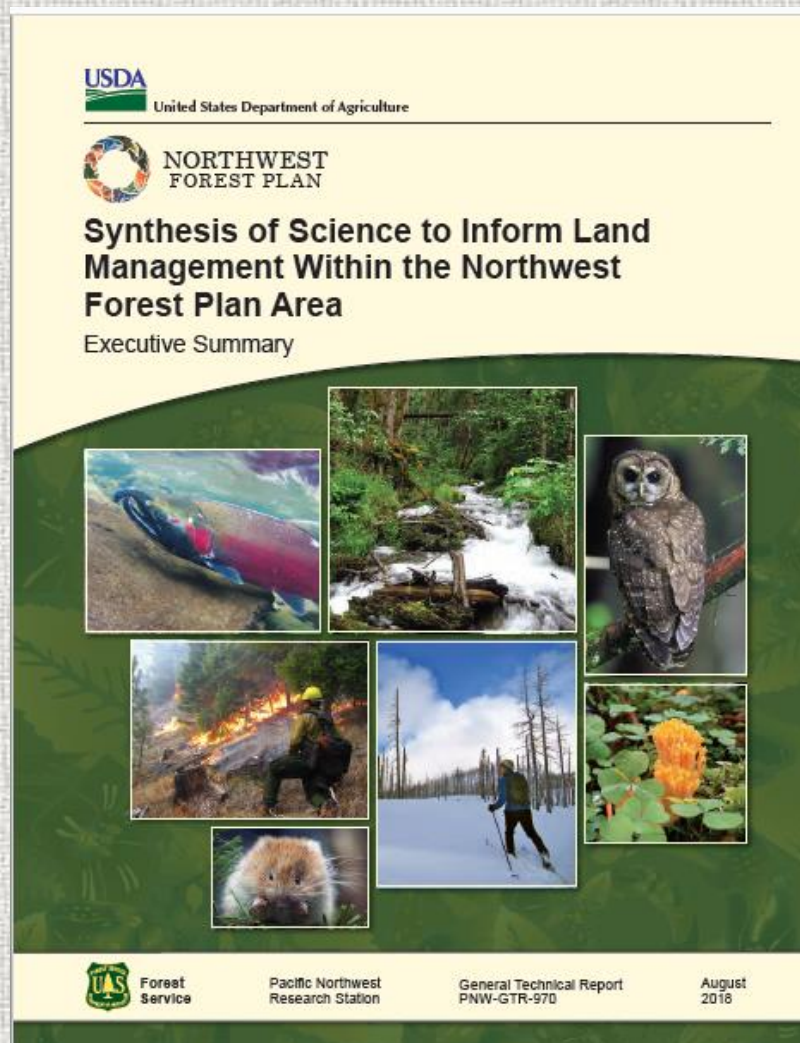
ODOT's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Report

April 2012



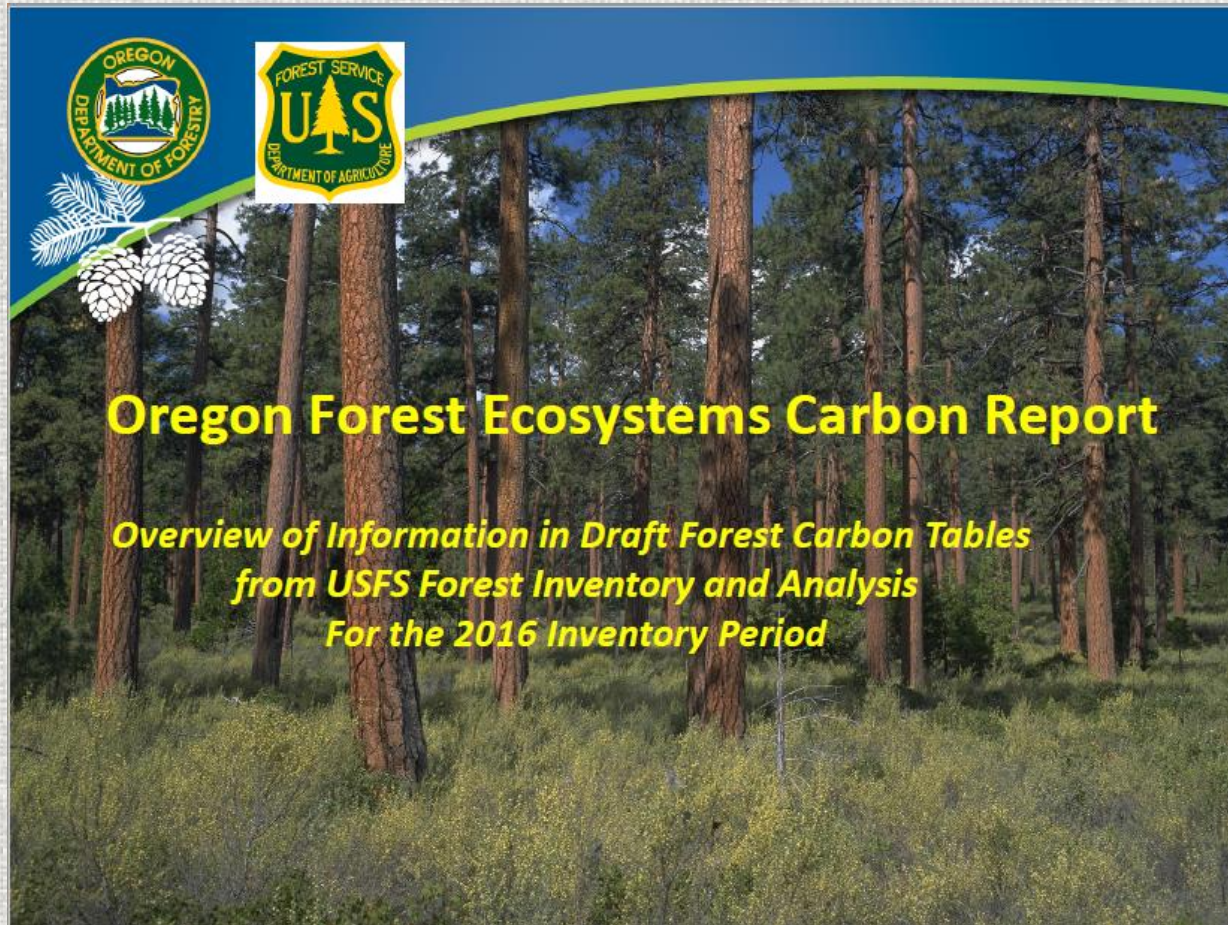
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Strategic Action Planning for Prospective Focused Investment Partnerships

Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Overview

In April 2015, the OWEB Board established Focused Investment Priorities that have clear significance to the state. This process will be revisited at least every 5 years as new Priorities may be added and existing ones modified. Information on Priorities can be found on the OWEB website.

Based on the Board-identified Priorities, OWEB will solicit Focused Investment Partnerships biennially that meet the following criteria:

- Address a Board-identified Focused Investment Priority of significance to the state;
- Achieve clear and measurable ecological outcomes;
- Use integrated, results-oriented approaches as identified through a strategic action plan;
- Are implemented by a high-performing partnership.

Partnerships may apply for Development funding to acquire technical assistance to *enhance or create a strategic action plan* or build their capacity to strengthen the existing partnership. Or, if the partnership is already established and has a current strategic action plan, the partnership may apply for Implementation funding to pursue a FIP Initiative. If applying for Implementation funding, a strategic action plan must accompany the application at the time of submission.

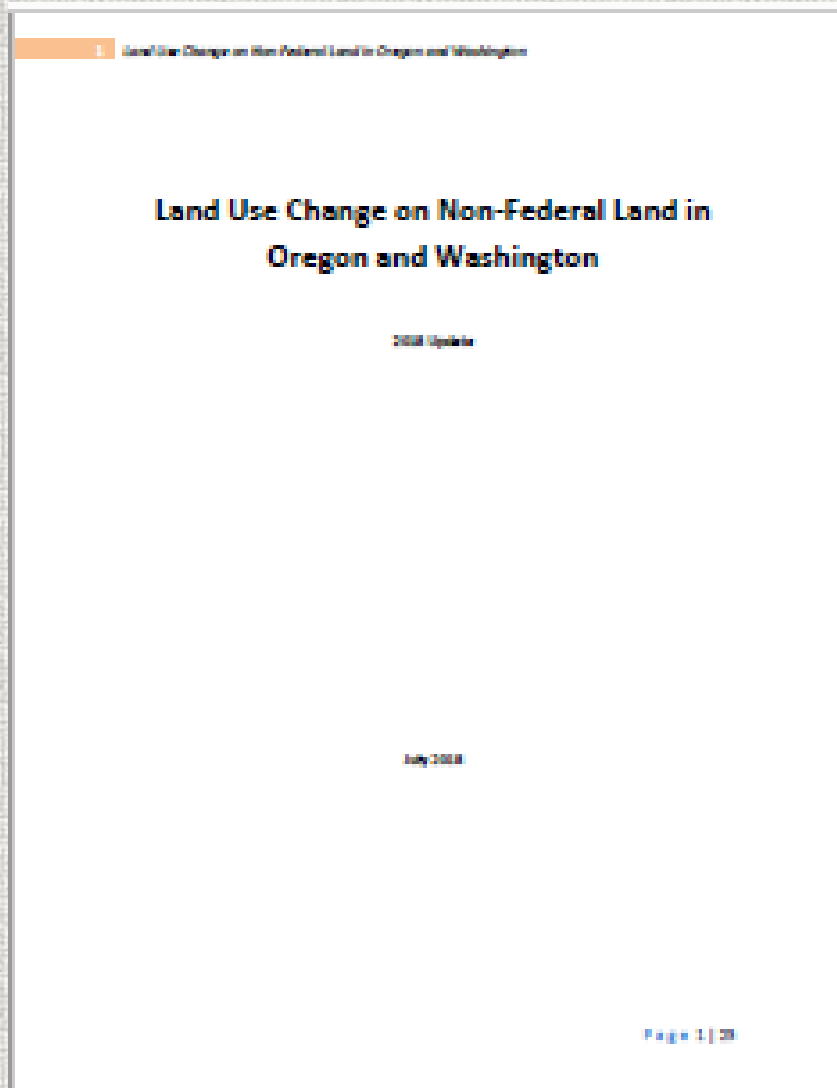
Development proposals are eligible for up to two years and \$150,000 in funding. Implementation proposals will be funded for no more than 6 years. This is referred to as the “current, proposed timeframe” through the remainder of this document. Additionally, each Implementation grant has a maximum funding of \$4 million per biennium with a targeted average of \$2 million per biennium over the course of the investment.

Relationship between the Strategic Action Plan and the FIP Implementation Program

If applying for Implementation FIP funding, a written Strategic Action Plan (SAP) must accompany the submission. The SAP describes the partnership’s aspirations over the long term and what will be required to achieve ecological goals in the partnership’s focal area. In essence, the SAP will serve as the road map, or blueprint, for the partnership’s restoration activities. If a partnership chooses to submit a proposal for the

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Next Steps Action Plan

Develop and refine innovative strategies (20 pages Max) that arise from opportunities identified in the assessments.

INNOVATIVE STRATEGY CROSSWALK



Priority Issue: Maintaining the Forestland Base

Strategy	State and Private Forestry Programs that Contribute	Funding Need	National Themes and Sub-Themes Addressed	Forestry Program for Oregon Goals Addressed	Coordination
OPPORTUNITY —Expand markets for the utilization of forest residues for biomass energy and other end uses—continued.					
Identify Forest Investment Zones to test strategies for building business and community capacity to support the adaptive and sustainable management of federal forests		TBD	Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests—Maintain and Enhance the Economic Benefits and Values of Trees and Forests	Goal A—Legal/Institutional Economic Framework	Sustainable Northwest, US Endowment for Forests and Communities, National Forests, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Forest Lands Advisory Implementation Working Group, Cooperative Forest Restoration Program, collaborative forest partnerships, National Fire Plan
OPPORTUNITY —Encourage private and public investment to conserve private forestland.					
Purchase the development rights to working private forests that are important, strategic and threatened with conversion to non-forest use to ensure forest use in perpetuity	Forest Legacy	\$20 million	Conserve Working Forests—Conserve High Priority Forest Ecosystems	Goals C (Productive Capacity), D (Soil and Water) and E (Plant and Animal Conservation)	Land trusts, conservation groups, landowner groups, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Community Forest Authority (ORS 530.606) and Transfer of Development Rights Authority (ORS 197.015)
Participate in a pilot Transferable Development Rights Program involving the conservation of high priority forestlands		TBD	Conserve Working Forests—Conserve High Priority Forest Ecosystems	Goals C (Productive Capacity), D (Soil and Water) and E (Plant and Animal Conservation)	Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Community Forest Authority (ORS 530.606) and Transfer of Development Rights Authority (ORS 197.015)